

## Organization of the Ministry of Education

## Article 1

The Minister of Education shall administer affairs concerning education, arts, sciences and religion.

## Article 2

The secretariat of the Minister shall take charge of the following affairs, in addition to such affairs as are listed in the General Rules.

1. Matters concerning the personnel of public schools.
2. Matters concerning construction and repair works.
3. Matters concerning prizes and awards.
4. Matters concerning general supervision and inspection of the administration under the jurisdiction of the Ministry.

## Article 3

The number of full-time Senior Secretaries (Shokikan) of the Ministry of Education shall be sixteen.

## Article 4

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education the following seven Bureaus:

Special School Affairs Bureau  
Common School Affairs Bureau  
Vocational School Affairs Bureau  
Social Education Bureau  
Physical Training Bureau  
Text-Books Bureau  
Religion Bureau

## Article 5

The Special School Affairs Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning universities and higher schools.
2. Matters concerning technical schools.
3. Matters concerning various schools similar to the above-mentioned ones.
4. Matters concerning the dispatch of research fellows abroad.
5. Matters concerning the Institute for Researches in Contagious Diseases and other research institutes attached to the Imperial Universities.
6. Matters concerning astronomical observatories, meteorological observatories, magnetic observatories, latitude observatories, the Institute of Art and the Institute of Science of Natural Resources.
7. Matters concerning the promotion of, and investigation into, sciences and techniques.
8. Matters concerning the Geodesy Committee, Aeronautical Council and the Committee for Physical Researches in Electric Waves.

9. Matters concerning the Imperial Academy of Sciences and the Imperial Academy of Arts.
10. Matters concerning the Conferences for Studies in Sciences and other learned societies.
11. Matters concerning academic degrees and similar titles.
12. Matters concerning the Training Institute of Industrial Techniques.

#### Article 6

The Common School Affairs Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning teachers' education.
2. Matters concerning middle-grade schools.
3. Matters concerning the national schools and kindergartens.
4. Matters concerning the girls' schools.
5. Matters concerning schools for the blind and schools for the deaf and dumb.
6. Matters concerning various schools similar to the above-mentioned ones.
7. Matters concerning the defrayment of expenses of education at the national schools by the National Treasury.
8. Matters concerning Educational Associations.
9. Matters concerning the attendance at school of children of school age.

#### Article 6 - II

The Vocational School Affairs Bureau shall take charge of the following Affairs:

1. Matters concerning polytechnic schools.
2. Matters concerning agricultural schools.
3. Matters concerning commercial schools.
4. Matters concerning nautical schools.
5. Matters concerning fishery schools and schools giving vocational education other than these mentioned in the foregoing numbers.
6. Matters concerning various schools similar to the above-mentioned ones.
7. Matters concerning the subsidy of expenses of vocational education by the National Treasury.
8. Matters concerning the training of teachers of vocational schools.
9. Matters concerning the Training Institute of Navigation.

#### Article 6 - III

The Social Education Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning youth organizations.
2. Matters concerning the young men's schools.

3. Matters concerning the training of teachers of the young men's schools.
4. Matters concerning the subsidy of expenses of the education of the youth by the National Treasury.
5. Matters concerning libraries.
6. Matters concerning museums and other facilities for exhibition.
7. Matters concerning the education of grown-up people.
8. Matters concerning organizations for social education.
9. Matters concerning the approval and recommendation of books.
10. Other matters concerning social education.

#### Article 6 - IV

The Physical Training Bureau shall take charge of the following matters:

1. Matters concerning physical training and exercises at school.
2. Matters concerning martial arts at school.
3. Matters concerning military training at school.
4. Other matters concerning physical training and discipline at school.
5. Matters concerning sanitation at school.

#### Article 6 - V

The Text-Books Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning the compilation and publication of text-books.
2. Matters concerning the investigation into, and examination and approval of, text-books.
3. Matters concerning researches in the national language.

#### Article 6 - VI

The Religion Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning the sects of Shintoism and Buddhism temples and shrines or halls used for religious purposes, and other matters concerning religion.
2. Matters concerning the preservation of national treasures.
3. Matters concerning priests and instructors.
4. Matters concerning the preservation of historical places, places of scenic beauty and valuable objects of nature.

#### Article 6 - VII

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education fourteen full-time Junior Secretaries of Education (Monbu Jimukan) and six Associate Junior Secretaries of Education (Monbu Rijikan), who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of routine affairs by order of their superiors.

## Article 7

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education seventeen full-time Education Inspectors (Tokugakukan), who shall be of "Sonin" rank. One of them may be of "Chokunin" rank. They shall take charge of the inspection and supervision of School affairs.

## Article 7 - II

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education eleven full-time Social Education Secretaries (Shakaikyoikukan), who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of the guidance and supervision of social education.

## Article 8

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education one Junior Secretary of Books (Tosho Jimukan), who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of affairs concerning the compilation and publication of books.

## Article 8 - II

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education nineteen full-time Book Superintendents (Tosho Kanshukan), who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of the compilation and inspection of text-books.

## Article 8 - III

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education fourteen full-time Assistant Book Superintendents (Tosho Kanshukampo), who shall be of "Hannin" rank and assist the Book Superintendents (Tosho Kanshukan) in the execution of their affairs.

## Article 8 - IV

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education two full-time National Language Research Secretaries (Kokugo Chosakan), who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of researches in the national language.

## Article 8 - V

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education two full-time Assistant National Language Research Secretaries (Kokugo Chosakampo), who shall be of "Hannin" rank and assist the National Language Research Secretaries (Kokugo Chosakan) in the execution of their affairs.

## Article 9

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education two full-time Technical Experts (gishi), who shall take charge of technical matters concerning architecture, the preservation of national treasures or historical places, and motion-pictures.

There shall be instituted Assistant Technical Experts (Gishu) in the Ministry of Education to assist the Technical Experts (Gishi) in the execution of their affairs.

## Article 10

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education eight full-time Physical Training Secretaries (Taikuken), who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of affairs concerning physical training and discipline and sanitation at school.



## Article 10 - II

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education eight full-time Assistant Physical Training Secretaries (Taikukenpo), who shall be of "Hannin" rank and assist the Physical Training Secretaries (Taikuken) in the execution of their affairs.

## Article 10 - III

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education three full-time Religious Affairs Secretaries (Shumukun), who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of the investigation and researches into the tenets, rites, etc. of religions and the guidance of organizations related to religion by order of their superiors.

## Article 10 - IV

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education four full-time Assistant Religious Affairs Secretaries (Shumukunpo), who shall be of "Hannin" rank and engaged, by order of their superiors, in the investigation and studies of the tenets, rites, etc. of religions and the guidance of organizations related to religion.

## Article 11

The number of full-time Clerks (Zoku) and Assistant Technical Experts (Gishu) shall be one hundred and seventy-five in total.

## Article 11 - II

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Education a Special Committee to conduct investigations into specialties.

The members of the Special Committee shall be appointed by the Cabinet from among learned or experienced persons in accordance with the recommendation of the Throne by the Minister of Education.

The term of office of the members of the Special Committee shall be two years. However, they may be relieved of office during the term of office if there are especial circumstances.

## Supplementary Provision

## Article 12

The present Ordinance shall be enforced as from November 1, 1898.